

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 203-232. (Canceled)

233. (Currently amended) An electronic commerce system comprising a mobile user terminal, a service providing system, and an examination terminal,
wherein:

the mobile user terminal makes a request for a purchase of electronic value card information;

the service providing system, in response to the request, generates the electronic value card information having secret key data ~~for use~~ to be used in a mutual authentication process executed between the mobile user terminal and the examination terminal when the examination terminal examines the validity of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal, and issues the electronic value card information to the mobile user terminal.

Claims 234-235. (Canceled)

236. (Currently amended) The electronic commerce system according to claim 233, wherein the mobile user terminal updates an electronic value of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal in accordance with an instruction received from the examination terminal, and transmits to the examination terminal a message that certifies use of the electronic value card information and that is electronically signed with the secret key data.